

PLAN OF THE  
Caldwell  
Caldwell Institute,

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD

AND THE

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE,

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# PLAN OF CALDWELL INSTITUTE.

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## ARTICLE I.

### OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

*Section 1.*—The Board of Trustees shall meet statedly at least once a year, on the first Thursday of October, and oftener, on their own adjournments, if they shall judge it necessary. Five members shall be a quorum to transact business.

*Section 2.*—The Board shall choose out of their own number a President, Vice President, and Secretary. The Principal of the institution shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Trustees.

*Section 3.*—The President of the Board, or in the event of his absence, death, or inability to act, the Secretary shall, at the request of any three members, expressed to him in writing, call a special meeting of the Board, by a circular letter addressed to each; in which letter notice shall be given not only of the place and time of meeting, but of the business intended to be transacted at the meeting notified—and this letter shall be sent at least four weeks before the time of said meeting.

*Section 4.*—The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Board.

*Section 5.*—All the members of the Board shall be members in full communion in the Presbyterian Church.

*Section 6.*—The Board shall make a detailed and faithful report of the state of the institution, annually, to the Presbytery.

*Section 7.*—The whole supervision and direction of the institution shall be committed to the Board of Trustees, who shall elect Professors and Teachers, and make such arrangements to promote its prosperity as shall to them seem best.

*Section 8.*—All the officers of this Board shall hold their office for three years, but shall be re-eligible.

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## ARTICLE II.

## OF THE PRESBYTERY.

*Section 1.*—The Presbytery shall choose a Board of Trustees, which shall consist of six ministers and six laymen, members of the Presbyterian Church, who shall hold their office for three years ; one-third of whom shall annually go out of office, but shall be re-eligible.

*Section 2.*—The Presbytery may at any time direct a committee to visit and to inspect the institution; and, if they shall judge it best on report of such committee, they may alter or reverse the proceedings of the Board of Trustees.

*Section 3.*—If the Presbytery of Orange should be hereafter divided, then each Presbytery so formed shall be considered as having an equal right in the institution, and one-half of the Board of Trustees shall be chosen by each Presbytery ; but, if a majority of either Presbytery shall, after the division, decide that they will relinquish their right in the institution, then it shall be considered as belonging to the other Presbytery.

*Section 4.*—The election of Trustees shall take place at the fall sessions of Presbytery.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF THE PROFESSORS.

*Section 1.*—All the Professors and Tutors of this institution shall be members in full communion in the Presbyterian Church.

*Section 2.*—The salaries of the Professors shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

*Section 3.*—Each Professor shall lay before the Board, as soon as practicable after his appointment, a detailed exhibition of the system and method he proposes to pursue in conducting the studies of his department ; and in this system he shall make such alterations or additions as the Board may direct.

*Section 4.*—Any Professor intending to resign, shall give six months notice of such intention to the Board of Trustees, unless they release him from this obligation.

*Section 5.*—The Professors of this institution shall be considered a Faculty. They shall meet at such seasons as they shall judge proper, and in every meeting the Principal of the institution shall preside, if he be present; if he be not present, a President shall be chosen *pro tempore*. The Faculty shall choose a clerk, and keep accurate records of all their proceedings, which records shall be laid before the Board at every meeting. By the Faculty, regularly convened, shall be determined the hours at which the classes shall attend the Professors, and the hours to be devoted to study. The Faculty shall decide all cases of discipline, and all questions of order, as they shall arise.

*Section 6.*—It shall be the duty of the Faculty to see that the students attend social worship twice a day, and preaching on Sabbath.

*Section 7.*—The Faculty shall be empowered to dismiss from the Institute any student who shall prove immoral or disorderly, or who may be, on any account whatever, a dangerous or unprofitable member of the institution.

*Section 8.*—Any member of the Faculty may visit the rooms of the students at any time.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

*Section 1.*—The Principal of the institution shall be considered as sustaining the pastoral relation to all the students, and shall be required to perform towards them the duties appertaining to that office. It shall be the duty of the Professors to afford such religious instruction as they shall deem necessary; but it shall be considered indispensable, that portions of the Bible, or the Evidences of Christianity, together with the Westminster Catechism, be studied by all the classes on the Sabbath.

*Section 2.*—The Greek and Latin Classics, upon an enlarged plan, shall be considered as forming a necessary part of the course of study.

*Section 3.*—Mathematics and Philosophy shall be taught by a Professor elected for that purpose.

*Section 4.*—There shall be a preparatory department, which shall be under the direction of at least one Professor, which shall embrace such studies as are usually taught in academies preparatory to entrance into college.

*Section 5.*—Nothing immoral, or of an irreligious tendency, shall enter into any part of the studies of this institution.

## ARTICLE V.

### OF THE STUDENTS.

*Section 1.*—Every student applying for admission, shall produce satisfactory testimonials that he possesses a good moral character.

*Section 2.*—Every student is strictly prohibited from frequenting taverns, or tipling houses, theatrical exhibitions, dancing assemblies, horse racing, and circus, on pain of dismission, or such other punishment as the Faculty shall judge best.

*Section 3.*—All acts of vice or immorality among the students are strictly forbidden, under such penalties as the Faculty may deem proper.

*Section 4.*—The rooms of the students are to be open to the Faculty at all times ; and any student refusing to admit a member of the Faculty, when required to do so, shall be admonished, or dismissed, according to the nature of the offence.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OF THE TREASURER.

*Section 1.*—The Board shall elect a Treasurer, who shall hold his office for three years, but be re-eligible.



*Section 2.*—The Treasurer shall give bond, with approved security, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office; and shall exhibit to the Board an accurate report on the state of the treasury, accompanied with the requisite vouchers, at each regular meeting.

*Section 3.*—No monies shall be paid out of the treasury without an order from the Board.

## ARTICLE VII.

### OF BENEFICIARIES.

The sons of ministers who are, or at the time of their decease, may be, members of the Presbytery or Presbyteries supporting the institution, shall receive their tuition gratuitously; and all beneficiaries preparing for the gospel ministry, within the bounds aforesaid, shall likewise have their tuition free of expense, provided the number does not exceed twenty at any one time.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### OF AMENDMENTS.

*Section 1.*—So much of the foregoing plan as relates to the Presbytery, may be altered by that body at any regular meeting.

*Section 2.*—The remainder of the plan may be altered by the Board of Trustees at any regular meeting.

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### PROFESSORS.

- REV. A. WILSON,  
SILAS C. LINDSLEY, A. M.



# THE CALDWELL INSTITUTE,

UNDER THE CARE OF

THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

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This institution is located at Greensborough, Guilford County, North Carolina, and will go into operation on the 7th day of January next.

The plan of education will embrace—

1. A complete course of English instruction.
2. The Greek and Roman Classics and Antiquities, Ancient Geography, Mythology, and History.
3. The Sciences generally, *Natural, Mental and Moral*, or as they are technically called, *Physical, Psychological and Ethical*.

In this institution the claims of English learning will be fully acknowledged and provided for accordingly; so that not only classical students, but also such scholars as do not intend to study the classics, may receive that extended instruction which will prepare them amply for the various avocations of active life.

The ancient classics, which, from time immemorial, have been justly regarded as constituting an essential part of liberal education, will receive the attention necessary to produce thorough scholars in that department of learning. With this view, *Excerpts*, as tending to defeat this object, will be discountenanced and abandoned, and the most correct and approved editions of the original authors will be substituted in their room. When studied in connexion with the pure and mixed mathematics, the Classics constitute, it is believed, not only the basis of solid learning and correct taste, but furnish also to young men emulous of distinction, the very best means of mental discipline.

In the scientific department, all the useful and customary branches of study will be taught, and pursued to any required extent.

Believing, however, that every system of education not founded on Christian principles, must be defective, and in its nature and tendency subversive of the best interests of the community, it will be the special object of the Trustees, under the direction of the Presbytery, to make ample provision for the *religious*, as well as the secular instruction of the youth committed to their care. Indeed, the grand design of the Presbytery in attempting the establishment of the CALDWELL INSTITUTE is, to furnish our denomination, and the friends of learning generally, with a truly Christian Seminary, in which the Bible will occupy its proper place, and the paramount claims of Christian education be duly and fully recognized.

The Trustees, entertaining doubts respecting the utility of mechanical and agricultural operations as a means of reducing the expense of education, are unwilling, at present, to commit themselves to the public on this subject; but will patiently wait the result of the experiment which is now making in different parts of the country.

The government of the school, as far as practicable, will partake of the parental character, and every prudent means will be adopted to promote strict order, correct behavior, rigid economy, and commendable industry.

When youth are removed from the wholesome restraints of the domestic circle, their morals are, as is proper, one source of deep anxiety to parents and guardians. Duly appreciating this parental solicitude, and aware that learning acquired at the expense of corrupt principles and vicious habits, must prove a curse instead of a blessing, the instructors will make it their constant aim, by careful supervision, friendly counsel, and wholesome discipline, to guard their pupils against temptations to vice, and every corrupting influence to which they may be exposed; and no pains will be spared to render them contented and happy, and to return them

to their parents and guardians, improved in manners, well taught, and virtuous.

The school, when fully organized, will demand the services of four or more teachers. Two have been already appointed, viz : **REV. A. WILSON**, and **MR. S. C. LINDSLEY**.

Both of these gentlemen are favorably known to the public, as experienced instructors of youth, and need no other recommendation than a simple reference to their past success and popularity.

It may be proper to remark, that Greensborough is a handsome and thriving village, surrounded by a moral and industrious population, and noted for the sobriety and industry of its inhabitants.

Board can be had in respectable families on very moderate terms.

After the close of the first term, the tuition per session of five months will be \$15, payable in advance. The first vacation in each year will be in the month of April, and the second in the month of October.

To the Institute will be attached a Preparatory Department, embracing the common elementary branches of English education.

By order of the Board of Trustees,

**SAMUEL L. GRAHAM**, *President*.

**E. W. CARUTHERS**, *Secretary*.

*December 17, 1835.*

